## SICK BIRD REPORTING FOR BACKYARD FLOCKS

## **Procedure for Requesting Samples**

Monitor your flocks for any signs of increased mortality.

- Pay particular attention if any birds are showing signs of respiratory illness or distress.
- If concerned, call the Poultry Health Hotline at 302-698-4507 or you can send an email to poultry.health@delaware.gov with contact information, size of flock, location, and concerns.
  - You will be contacted if a sample needs to be taken.
  - DO NOT take dead or sick birds to a lab to be tested or move them off-site!
- If necessary, personnel will notify you and then arrange to visit the site to take a sample.

